would adduce the Vastara-Aldur road as an example. Ten years ago there was no traffic on this road. Now the traffic was very heavy and the road had become exceptionally important and as the Local Fund Board has no funds for metalling and improving it, the Government took over the work as a Provincial charge. It had been necessary to do the same in the case of other roads rising into importance ; but there must of course be a limit to what the Government can thus do by way of relief to the Local Funds. Colonel Bowen then added, that, apart from the question of funds, there were other difficulties. There was indeed some difficulty in supervision, but this would be sufficiently met by appointing a special subordinate officer exclusively for roads. But there would still remain the difficulty of finding contractors and labor for work on these Malnad roads. Coffee Planters themselves took up the contracts in some cases and failed to do the needful from want of labor.

Dewan's reply.—In reply, the Dewan observed that the Government had recently relieved Local Fund Boards of the charge of the more important roads on which there was heavy traffic or which could at all be regarded as main lines of communication ; the question now raised regarding the bad condition of the roads in question would be remitted to the Local Fund Board for consideration and needful action ; unmetalled roads could only be gradually metalled as Local Funds became available and the road mileage to be maintained in the Malnad of Mysore, was enormous compared with what exists in other Provinces, but the Boards would be required to do their best.

Subject No. 41.
Game Law.

Summary of discussion.—It is understood that an Act for the preservation of Game of every description is now under the consideration of Government. Protection is anxiously looked for and very urgently required.

Dewan's reply.—The Darbar is glad to hear the Planters take so favorable a view of the proposed legislation. A draft regulation has been drawn up and circulated to gentlemen competent to advise on the subject. Valuable opinions have thus been obtained and are under consideration. The measure will soon be ripe for submission to the Government of India.

Subject No. 42.
D. P. W. Projects.

The following works of public utility proposed by Representatives from the Kadur District were noted for consideration in the Public Works Department :—

(*a*). A road 6 or 7 miles long from Jakkanhalli Police Station to connect the Aldur Road, for which more than

Rs. 1,000 will be contributed as raiyats' share. About 300 acres of land will be taken up for coffee cultivation if this road were opened and 12 miles of existing circuit saved.

(*b*). Sidderahalli Nala in the Tarikere Taluk.

(*c*). A bridge across the Vedavati River near Yegati and a Railway feeder from Yegati to Birur, to facilitate the transit of the large quantities of cocoanuts and other produce in which there is considerable traffic with the Malnad on the one hand and Railway on the other.

SHIMOGA DISTRICT (PART.)

Subject No. 43. Excessive reservation of State Forests in the Shimoga Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There has been excessive demarcation and reservation of State Forests in the Shimoga Taluk. Raiyats are put to much inconvenience in consequence.

Dewan's reply.—The standing orders require that the requirements of the village communities should be duly provided for, and Forest reserves demarcated in consultation with the officers of the Revenue Department. The representation now made will be referred to the Deputy Commissioner with instructions to examine the boundary line and throw it back wherever this may be found to be necessary.

Subject No. 44. Bamboo thorns for fences.

Summary of discussion.—The Forest Rules allow raiyats to take thorny shrubs without permit for hedges. But local officials object to raiyats taking thorny bamboos for the same purpose. The rules should be declared to cover thorny bamboos also.

Dewan's reply.—The representation will be considered and sanction given for the grant of bamboo thorns for fences on light terms, and for treating the Malnad parts of the taluk as Malnad for Forest purposes.

Subject No. 45. Seigniorage on Jambe and Kari-matti.

Summary of discussion.—The rates of seigniorage fixed on Jambe and Kari-matti by the Rules of 1888 are too high. (Notification No. 148, dated 26th October 1888). A similar representation in respect of Jambe was made from the Kadur District also. (See Subject No. 28 *supra*).

Dewan's reply.—The rates will be again looked into and inquiries made to ascertain what reduction, if any, is necessary.